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JAMES WOODHOUSE was born in Princess Anne county, Va., in 1814, and on the death of his parents, which occurred while he was quite young, was employed in a book store in Norfolk, where he remained several years. About the year 1840, he went to Petersburg, and there formed a partnership with E. P. Nash, then, and for many years afterwards, a prominent and successful bookseller of that city.

In 1844 they established a branch house in Richmond, under the name of Nash and Woodhouse, Mr. Woodhouse being the resident partner, which continued until Mr. Nash retired in 1856, when he became sole owner, and this continued until 1858, when B. M. Parham, who had been in his employment since 1851, was admitted as partner. The business was conducted under the name of James Woodhouse & Co., until 1865, when it was changed to Woodhouse & Parham, and so remained until 1882, when Mr. Woodhouse retired, and a new partnership was formed.

In 1840 Mr. Woodhouse was married to Miss Susan G. Harward, of Norfolk, who lived only a few years. While actively engaged in a congenial calling for sixty-five years, and absorbed in its duties, he yet found time to cultivate his taste for reading, and was well informed in general literature, and especially familiar with the history of Virginia. Mr. Woodhouse was a man of gentle manners, but of great firmness of character. He died June 23d, 1894, in his eightieth year.

WILLIAM TELL CHASE, of Chases' Wharf, Va., was sprung from New England stock, being a son of Peter Chase and Ann Hazard Bushvion, of Newport, R. I., who, in 1825, settled at Carter's Creek, Lancaster county, Va. Mr. Chase was born August 19th, 1832. He was educated at a private school, and for several years after leaving school he was occupied in teaching. For many years he was engaged in mercantile life, having a large store on the estate where he resided. Mr. Chase married, December 15th, 1859, Miss Rebecca Virginia Seabury, daughter of Captain Francis and Rebecca Allan Seabury, of Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Chase dying in 1871, Mr. Chase married Miss Fannie Lee Becker, of Washington county, Md. Mr. Chase entered the Confederate Army on April, 1861, as First Lieutenant of the 40th Virginia Regiment, and was elected Captain of his company in the spring of 1862. He was wounded at Gaines' Mill and also at Gettysburg. He was retired in 1864 on account of physical disability, and was assigned to enrolling duty for the counties of Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster. Mr. Chase died of dropsy January 14th, 1894. He was warden of Grace Church, Episcopal, of his native county.

JOHN KERR CHILDREY was the son of Stephen Childrey and Susan Fletcher, and was born December 23rd, 1832, in Richmond, Va. He